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Accreditation of an intergovernmental organization to the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States

Note by the Secretariat

1. The Secretariat has received a request from the South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission, an intergovernmental organization, to be invited to participate as an observer in the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States. This organization does not receive a standing invitation from the General Assembly or the Economic and Social Council to participate in the capacity of observer in the sessions and work of international conferences convened under their auspices.

2. In accordance with rule 63 of the provisional rules of procedure of the International Meeting, representatives of other intergovernmental organizations invited to the International Meeting may participate as observers, without the right to vote, in the deliberations of the International Meeting, the Main Committee and, as appropriate, any other committees or working group on questions within the scope of their activities.

3. Information on this organization is provided below.

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Summary of organizational focus and activities: The South Pacific Applied Geoscience Commission (SOPAC) is an intergovernmental, regional organization dedicated to providing services to promote sustainable development in the countries it serves. SOPAC's work, carried out through its secretariat based in Suva, focuses on providing assistance to its member countries in three key programme areas: the Ocean and Islands Programme, the Community Lifelines Programme and the Community Risk Programme.